

Appl. No. 09/928,925
Amdt. Dated August 16, 2005
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REMARKS

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in response to the Office action mailed May 20, 2005.

Claims 1-20 were pending in the present application before the Amendments as set forth above. By these Amendments, claims 2-5, 7-9 and 15 are amended, and claim 1 is canceled.

The May 20, 2005 Office action rejected claims 1, 2, 5-20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,810,405 to LaRue et al (hereinafter "LaRue") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,643,669 to Novak et al (hereinafter "Novak"), and claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over LaRue in view of Novak as applied to claims 1, 8 and 15 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0069874 to Hertzog et al (hereinafter "Hertzog").

However, Examiner stated that "claim 4 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims."

Applicant appreciates Examiner's careful consideration of applicant's Amendments and Remarks submitted February 03, 2005.

Claims 1-7

In response, claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim 1. Claim 1 has been canceled. Claims 2, 3, 5 and 7 have been amended to be dependent from amended claim 4.

Accordingly, amended claim 4 should now be allowable, as indicated by Examiner.

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Because claims 2, 3 and 5-7 depend directly or indirectly from amended claim 4, and incorporate more features therein respectively, it is submitted that claims 2, 3 and 5-7 are now in a condition for allowance.

Claims 8-14

In response, claim 8 has had extra limitations incorporated therein. That is, some of the features of previously presented claim 9 have been added, and an additional limitation of "wherein the synchronization response message includes a value corresponding to the result" (substantially as recited in original claim 4) has been added. Accordingly, applicant has deleted from claim 9 the features thereof added into claim 8.

As indicated by Examiner, the feature of "wherein the synchronization response message includes a value corresponding to the result" is allowable subject matter. Neither LaRue nor Novak (nor Hertzog) provides any teaching, suggestion, or motivation that it could be combined with the other(s) to yield this feature. Therefore, applicant submits that the method of claim 8 is now unobvious and patentable, and that the claim 8 should be allowed.

Because claims 9-14 depend directly or indirectly from amended claim 8, and incorporate more features therein respectively, it is submitted that claims 9-14 are now in a condition for allowance.

Claims 15-20

In response, claim 15 has had extra limitations incorporated therein. That is, the features/limitations of "generating on the server a synchronization response message based upon a result of the processing step, and transmitting the synchronization response message to the wireless

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computing device of claim 9 have been added, and a limitation of "wherein the synchronization response message includes a value corresponding to the result" (substantially as recited in original claim 4) has been added. All these additions correspond to the above-described additions to claim 8.

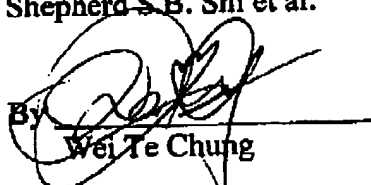
For at least similar reasons to those asserted above in relation to amended claim 8, applicant submits that the system of claim 15 is now unobvious and patentable, and that the claim should be allowed.

Because claims 16-20 depend directly or indirectly from amended claim 15, and incorporate more features therein respectively, it is submitted that claims 16-20 are now in a condition for allowance.

Support for the amendments set forth above can be found in the disclosure as originally filed. Applicant asserts that no new matter is added. However, the claims are not limited to the disclosed embodiments. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

In view of the above claim amendments and remarks, the subject application is believed to be in a condition for allowance, and an action to such effect is earnestly solicited.

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